INSTITUTIONS

The Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) Division of Institutions has oversight over three state institutions, 11 county regional facilities, five private prisons, the classification and records division, treatment and programs division, and agricultural enterprises. The division is under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner E. L. Sparkman.

The Central Mississippi Correctional Facility (CMCF) located in Rankin County, Miss., sits of 171.3 acres and serves as the receiving and classification facility for all persons convicted of felonies. CMCF is the second oldest state facility, having opened in February 1986. CMCF serves as the only state institution to house female inmates. The institution's capacity on June 30, 2004 was 3,233. CMCF houses male inmates with special needs, to include male inmates who are disabled and require medical treatment in the Jackson area. The institution was ACA accredited in January 2003.





The Mississippi State Penitentiary (MSP) located in Sunflower County, Miss., serves as the maximum security facility and houses only males convicted of felonies. MSP is the oldest and largest state prison, occupying approximately 18,000 acres. The institution's capacity on June 30, 2004, was 5,024. MSP operates the Agricultural Enterprises division and farmed 5,138 acres of vegetables, rice, wheat, soybeans and corn. The institution was ACA accredited in May 2003.

The South Mississippi Correctional Institution (SMCI) located in Greene County, Miss., serves as a medium custody facility and houses only males convicted of felonies. SMCI is the newest state facility, having opened in 1989. SMCI occupies approximately 360 acres. The institution's capacity on June 30, 2004, was 2,214. The institution was ACA accredited in August 2002.

